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SUBJ: GRAIN TRANSSHIPMENT TO MALI VIA ALGIERS

REF: STATE 113955

1. EMBASSY FINDS OSRO SCOPE-OF-WORK CONTAINED
REFTEL TO BE WELL-DRAWN. WE WILL BE EAGER TO
FULLY PROPOSE THIS ALTERNATIVE ROUTE TO GOM ONCE
AID/W IS SATISFIED WITH QUANTIFICATION FURNISHED
IN LOGISTICAL REPORT REQUESTED REFTEL.

2. CONCERNING THE PRECLUSION OF AIRLIFT NEED
REFERRED TO IN PARA 2 REFTEL, IT SHOULD
BE NOTED THAT A SUCCESSFUL OPERATION OF ALGIERS-
GAO CONVOYS WOULD NOT RPT NOT PRECLUDE THE
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REQUIREMENT OF DONOR-PROVIDED AIRLIFT TO VI REGION

BUT WOULD DIMINISH THE TOTAL TONNAGE WHICH MUST BE AIRLIFTED TO GAO REGION. AS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED THE AREAS OF TIMBUCTOO AND GOUNDAM CANNOT BE ADEQUATELY SUPPLIED BY ROAD FROM GAO AND WILL NOT RPT NOT BEGIN TO RECEIVE SIGNIFICANT FOOD SUPPLIES BY RIVER BARGE UNTIL LATE AUGUST.

3. WE HAVE ASKED MINISTRY OF DEFENSE TO PASS QUESTION ON CORN TO DOUKARA IN THE KAYES REGION. WILL ADVISE. BASED ON LONDON 06644 DATED MAY 29, WHICH INDICATES THAT UK SHIP LEFT BAYONNE ON MAY 28, WE ASSUME AID/WASHINGTON INTENDS TO DIVERT ANOTHER SHIP TO ORAN PORT IF OSRO LOGISTICAL REPORT REVEALS PROJECT WORTHWILE. WE ALSO ASSUME THAT SHIPMENT TO-BE-DIVERTED WILL NOT NECESSARILY CONTAIN ALL CORN. FROM DISCUSSION WITH DOUKARA HERE DURING I.G. TODD VISIT, DOUKARA INDICATED GOM PREFERENCE ON FOOD DONATIONS IN THIS ORDER: SORGHUM, RICE, CORN. OF COURSE, GOM WILL ACCEPT WHAT IS AVAILABLE BUT IF ALGIERS-GAO CONVOY SHIPMENTS COULD CONTAIN HIGHER PERCENTAGE OF SORGHUM/RICE VIS-A-VIS CORN, THEY WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE MORE WELCOMED HERE.
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